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INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN/US CONSULTATIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL
MODIFICATION TREATY

REF: STATE 256080

1. GOVERNOR SCRANTON MET WITH AMBASSADOR MEGUID ON NOVEMBER 10
TO REQUEST EGYPTIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR THE
FINNISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION
TREATY. SCRANTON EMPHASIZED THAT THE TREATY IS THE RESULT
OF LENGTHY NEGOTIATION IN GENEVA AND THAT IT WOULD BE
VERY DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING TO RENEGOTIATE IT. MOREOVER,
HE NOTED, THE ALLEGATIONS WHICH CLAIM THAT THE TREATY
WOULD PERMIT GENERATING EARTHQUAKES, TIDAL WAVES, ETC.,
WERE INCORRECT. FINALLY, HE NOTED, REMANDING
THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TREATY TO THE CCD WOULD HOLD
UP THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING AHEAD ON OTHER ARMS CONTROL
QUESTIONS IN GENEVA NEXT YEAR, SUCH AS CHEMICAL WARFARE.

2. AMBASSADOR MEGUID, RECALLING THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED
THE MATTER EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE,
SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM CAIRO PROMPTLY OF OUR REQUEST.

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HE BELIEVED THAT US/SOVIET AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL

MODIFICATION WAS IN ITSELF A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. IN HIS PERSONAL VIEW, HE SAID, THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TREATY WAS A SOUND FIRST STEP AND OUGHT TO BE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE GOE GIVE A POSITIVE REPLY TO OUR REQUEST.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUEST EMBASSY CAIRO TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN THE MFA.
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